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SUBJECT: OECD AD HOC MEETING ON PREPARATIONS FOR

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1' SUMMARY: OECD AD HOC MEETING ON UNCTAD IV CONCLUDED
ON APRIL 15 AFTER FOUR DAYS OF SOMETIMES SLOW-MOVING
CONSULTATIONS BY GROUP B ON PREPARATIONS FOR NAIROBI
MEETING IN MAY. IT BECAME QUICKLY APPARENT THAT MAJOR
GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING U.S., WERE NOT FAR ALONG IN MANY
PREPARATIONS OF POSITIONS FOR UNCTAD IV AND, THEREFORE,
PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF AREAS

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AT THIS MEETING. MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE ACHIEVEMENT
WAS TABLING BY EC OF THREE DRAFT TEXTS ON TRADE (COVER-
ING MARKET ACCESS, RBP'S AND MTN) RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA
ITEMS ON A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY FOR LDC EXPORTS AND

REVIEW OF MTN (SEE SEPTTEL). SECOND ACHIEVEMENT WAS AGREEMENT BY GROUP B ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS AT NAIROBI, INCLUDING DECISIONS ON GROUP B SPOKESMAN FOR ALL MAJOR ITEMS AND ON OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE. FINALLY, MEETING GAVE US OPPORTUNITY TO REASSURE OTHER DELEGATIONS, BOTH FORMALLY AND INFORMALLY, THAT U.S. DOES NOT WANT TO UPSTAGE OTHERS AT NAIROBI, AND WE WILL CONSULT BILATERALLY AFTER POSITIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED IN WASHINGTON. AMBASSADOR DALE FROM GENEVA HEADED U.S. DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMODITIES: OECD SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP (WHO ATTENDED AND PARTICIPATED IN MOST OF MEETINGS) BEGAN DISCUSSION BY NOTING THIS ISSUE HAS THREE ASPECTS: (A) MARKET STABILITY, (B) SUPPLY AND INVESTMENT, AND (C) EXPORT EARNINGS AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND STABILIZATION. THE FIRST TWO IN PARTICULAR ARE IMPORTANT TO BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT SUFFICIENT INVESTMENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN FUTURE TO ENSURE ADEQUATE WORLD SUPPLIES OF ESSENTIAL RAW MATERIALS. HE FELT MEMBERS COULD NOT DEAL WITH ANY OF THESE ASPECTS IN ISOLATION FROM EACH OTHER SINCE ALL ARE INTERRELATED; CONSEQUENTLY, A GLOBAL APPROACH TO COMMODITY PROBLEMS IS NECESSARY. AS COREA HAD EMPHASIZED (SEE SEPTTEL), THESE PROBLEMS CANNOT, OF COURSE, BE SOLVED IN ONE STROKE AT UNCTAD IV, BUT MOVEMENT IS NECESSARY AND SOME DECISION IS NEEDED ON THE COMMON FUND. IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE CANNOT BE A COMMITMENT FOR FINANCIAL INPUTS IF THERE ISN'T SOME CONTROL OVER EXPENDITURES. VAN LENNEP FEELS FOUR GENERAL PRINCIPLES ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SOLUTION OF GLOBAL COMMODITY PROBLEMS: (A) COMMODITY AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE USED TO PROMOTE STABILITY RATHER THAN TRANSFER RESOURCES; (B) MARGINS BETWEEN FLOOR AND CEILING PRICES MUST BE WIDE AND RELATED TO THE MARKET; (C) AGREEMENT MUST BE REACHED ON APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL AND DECISION-MAKING APPARATUS; AND (D) COMMON FUND CANNOT BE OPEN-ENDED. FINALLY, COMMODITY PROBLEMS SHOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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VIEWED NOT IN TERMS OF HELPING LDC'S, BUT RATHER OF MANAGING WORLD ECONOMY. CONSEQUENTLY, INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSIDER JOINT PRODUCER-CONSUMER FINANCING SINCE THIS IS IN THEIR INTEREST.

3. MANY DELEGATES TOOK PART IN DISCUSSION ON COMMODITIES. EC (RUSSELL) AGREED THAT COMMODITY PROBLEMS SHOULD BE PLACED IN CONTEXT OF MANAGEMENT OF WORLD ECONOMY, AND SAID SINCE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY RISING AT PRESENT THIS MAY BE GOOD TIME TO WORK TOWARD STABILITY. HE SUGGESTED GROUP B NOT BE APOLOGETIC ABOUT SKETCHINESS OF THE PAPER IT TABLED AT THE TDB; IT IS, IN FACT, MORE

SPECIFIC ON PROCEDURES THAN THE MANILA G-77 TEXT. HE NOTED THAT G-77'S IDEAS FOR COMMON FUND HAVE BEEN EXPANDING TO INCLUDE, FOR EXAMPLE, NATIONALLY-HELD STOCKS. EC IS CONTINUING TO CONSULT ON THIS, INCLUDING SUCH IDEAS AS IFI PARTICIPATION, EXPORT AND IMPORT LEVIES, DIRECT GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND BORROWING. HE

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STRESSED THAT WE SHOULD PROVIDE FOR PRICE REVIEWS IN COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS TO TAKE BOTH PRICE AND ECONOMIC CHANGES INTO ACCOUNT. NORWEGIAN REP SAID THAT COREA'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNCTAD IV DECISIONS ON COMMODITIES IN HIS APRIL 13 TALK TO OECD COUNCIL WERE ABOUT 70 PERCENT PROCEDURAL. BUT OTHERS NOTED THAT LDC'S PROBABLY WILL TABLE MUCH MORE FAR-REACHING PROPOSALS ON COMMODITIES IN NAIROBI THAN THOSE IN MANILA DECLARATION. IF THIS HAPPENS, NORWEGIANS BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE TO GIVE UNCTAD A MANDATE FOR COMMODITIES IN ORDER TO STAVE OFF MORE RADICAL PROPOSALS. FRANCE REPORTED ON ROME MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON FOOD SECURITY, AND SUGGESTED THAT LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY G-77 FOR PRICE REVIEW MECHANISM IN GRAIN ARRANGEMENTS COULD SERVE AS A USEFUL EXAMPLE IN NEGOTIATING OTHER AGREEMENTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT UNCTAD IV MUST AGREE TO SOMETHING MORE THAN INTEN-

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SIVE CONSULTATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES AS HAD BEEN AGREED AT UNCTAD III, AND CONSEQUENTLY SUGGESTED SETTING UP PRENEGOTIATION GROUP TO PREPARE DRAFTS FOR GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS. JAPAN MADE STRONG PLEA FOR CLOSE CONSULTATIONS AMONG GROUP B COUNTRIES TO AVOID SURPRISES AT UNCTAD IV.

4. AMBASSADOR DALE OF U.S. MADE STATEMENT NOTING THAT POSITION ON COMMODITIES IS STILL BEING DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON; HE MADE ESSENTIALLY SAME POINTS MADE DURING U.S./JAPANESE CONSULTATIONS, WITH EXCEPTION OF REFERENCES TO NEW INVESTMENT FACILITY IN IBRD GROUP AND IMF PROPOSALS. ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. WILL BE CONSULTING, PROBABLY VIA OUR EMBASSIES, WITH OUR GROUP B PARTNERS AS SOON AS WE HAVE FULLY-DEVELOPED POSITIONS AND THAT, ALTHOUGH NONE OF US WANT CONFRONTATION AT UNCTAD IV, NEITHER DO WE WANT TO ENGAGE IN CONTEST OF TRYING TO OUTBID EACH OTHER IN ACCOMMODATING LDC'S.

5. TRADE: IN INTRODUCING THIS ITEM, CANADA (MONTGOMERY) SINGLED OUT THREE POINTS: (A) ALTHOUGH TRADE NOT A LEADING ISSUE FOR UNCTAD IV, IT WILL NEVERTHELESS BE ONE WHICH LDC'S WILL PRESS HARD; (B) THIS IS AN AREA WITH LARGE CONSISTENCY OF VIEWS AMONG GROUP B; (C) ALTHOUGH G-77 HAVE NOT PAID ANY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO SECRETARIAT IDEAS FOR COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY, THEY WILL PROBABLY ASK US TO SUPPORT AT LEAST REFERENCE TO IT WHICH COULD LEAD TO FUTURE DIFFICULTIES AS IT BECOMES MORE WELL-DEFINED. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION AMONG VARIOUS SPEAKERS INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT GROUP B HAD TO MAKE POSITIVE GENERAL STATEMENT OF THEIR ATTENTION TO LDC INTERESTS IN THE MTN, BUT THAT WE MUST AVOID HAVING UNCTAD JEOPARDIZE GATT/MTN. U.S. (BRUNGART) CAUTIONED THAT, EVEN AS WE MAKE POSITIVE PRESENTATION, WE CANNOT ADOPT NEW COMMITMENTS REGARDING THE MTN IN UNCTAD NOR GIVE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE WILLING TO REWRITE TOKYO DECLARATION. NORWAY INFORMED GROUP THAT IT WILL ANNOUNCE AT UNCTAD IV CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN ITS GSP: E.G., EXTENSION BY SOME 30 PRODUCTS, FURTHER ADDITION OF 20 PRODUCTS AS PART OF ITS TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER, AND REMOVAL OF ALL LIMITATIONS IN THE GSP FOR THE 29 LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRIES. NORWAY ALSO BROUGHT UP POINT THAT LDC'S WILL PRESSURE FOR REVISION OF GENERAL RULES OF TRADE (E.G., BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL). THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT REVISION OF TRADE RULES SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIVELY DISCUSSED IN GATT, ALTHOUGH SWITZERLAND AND SWEDEN SUGGESTED GROUP B SHOULD BE READY TO ENGAGE IN GENERAL

BUT STILL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF ITS VIEWS ON REVI-
SION OF TRADE STRUCTURE AND TRADE RULES.

6. EC TABLED THREE IMPORTANT TEXTS ON MARKET ACCESS
(DRAFT RESOLUTION), RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES (ALSO
DRAFT RESOLUTION), AND MTN (DRAFT DECLARATION). IN-
FORMAL CONSULTATION RESULTED IN SOME IMPROVEMENTS IN EC
DRAFTS, BUT PAPERS WERE NOT ACCEPTED AS COMMON GROUP B
POSITIONS PENDING FURTHER STUDY AND APPROVAL IN CAPITALS.
(SEE SEPTTEL FOR TEXTS.)

7. MONEY AND FINANCE AND TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES:
THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUE DISCUSSED UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM
WAS LDC DEBT. PREVIOUS POSITIONS WERE REPEATED. ONLY
MODIFICATIONS WERE THAT SOME MEMBERS (JAPAN, EC,
AUSTRALIA AND SWITZERLAND), INDICATED READINESS TO
NEGOTIATE ACCEPTABLE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR DEBT CON-
FERENCE, WHICH THEY FELT INEVITABLE, AND OTHERS (FRANCE,
SWEDEN AND NORWAY) FELT GROUP B SHOULD TRY TO DISCUSS
DEBT ISSUES AT NAIROBI IN WIDER CONTEXT OF TRANSFER OF
RESOURCES. U.S. AND GERMANY EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO

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PROPOSAL FOR CONFERENCE ON DEBT. SECRETARIAT ADVISED
THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT ENVISAGES DEBT CONFERENCE UNDER
ITS AUSPICES WITH FOUR NEGOTIATING GROUPS, FOR RENEGO-
TIATING OFFICIAL DEBT, RENEGOTTING PRIVATE DEBT,

ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR CASE-BY-CASE TREATMENT OF DEBT PROBLEMS (ELIGIBILITY FOR DEBT RELIEF AND ITS MODALITIES), AND SETTING UP INTERNATIONAL MONITORING MACHINERY TO OVERSEE APPLICATION OF GUIDELINES AND REQUESTS FOR RELIEF. UNCTAD SECRETARIAT FEELS CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ATTENDED BY CREDITOR AND DEBTOR COUNTRIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMERCIAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS.

8. SEC-GEN VAN LENNEP GAVE HIS VIEWS ON DEBT PROBLEM (THESE VIEWS ARE REFLECTED IN SECRETARIAT PAPER DD-502). HIS STATEMENT WAS REPRODUCED AS CES/UN(76)15 ANNEX II, AND HIS VIEWS GENERALLY COINCIDED WITH AN EARLIER PRIVATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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EXPRESSION ON THIS ISSUE (SEE OECD PARIS 10124). HE ARGUED THAT MEMBERS SHOULD CONSIDER ONE-TIME MEASURE (DEBT SERVICE MORATORIUM OR DEBT FORGIVENESS) TO HELP LLDC'S COPE WITH THEIR B/P PROBLEMS. HE SAID THAT SPECIAL ACTION ON LLDC DEBT SHOULD BE SEEN IN CONTEXT OF EFFORTS TO HELP THEM FINANCE THEIR B/P DEFICITS RATHER THAN AS DEBT RELIEF MEASURES PER SE. VAN LENNEP ARGUED THAT LLDC'S WERE VICTIMS OF ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES (DETERIORATING TERMS OF TRADE AND WORLD-WIDE RECESSION), AND VOLUME OF THEIR ODA DEBT IS RELATIVELY SMALL AND CREDITOR COUNTRIES WOULD BE FACED WITH TASK OF HELPING THEM MEET THEIR B/P FINANCING REQUIREMENTS ANYWAY. HE FELT THAT POSITIVE GROUP B ACTION AT UNCTAD, WHICH COULD BE PRESENTED AS BASED UPON CONCERN FOR LLDC POVERTY AND THEIR NEED FOR B/P FINANCING RATHER THAN CHANGE OF ATTITUDE RE DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICIES, COULD HAVE BENEFICIAL POLITICAL RESULTS.

9. TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY: CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY (DELORME) REVIEWED ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THIS WEEK'S MEETING ON CODE OF CONDUCT (SEE SEPTEL). MOST MEMBERS REITERATED THEIR OPPOSITION TO LEGALLY-BINDING CODE. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIA AND U.K. SUGGESTED DRAFTING PROCEED WITHOUT PRIOR DETERMINATION OF CODE'S LEGAL STATUS. SWEDEN SUGGESTED CODE WITH SOME BINDING PASSAGES, BUT WITHOUT TEETH, AND SOME NON-BINDING PROVISIONS; THIS IDEA WAS OPPOSED BY CANADA, GERMANY AND U.K. U.S. DEL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT DISCUSSION OF NATURE OF CODE WOULD NOT OBSCURE OTHER ISSUES INVOLVED IN ASSISTING GREATER TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND CALLED FOR DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS AT NAIROBI, SUCH AS TRAINING POSSIBILITIES AND RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES, RATHER THAN CONCENTRATION ON LEGAL STATUS OF A CODE WHICH, IN ANY CASE, COULD NOT GUARANTEE GREATER TRANSFER UNLESS PROPERLY CONCEIVED AND DRAFTED. OUR VIEW RECEIVED GENERAL SUPPORT, BUT THERE WAS ALSO AGREEMENT THAT LEGAL

NATURE OF CODE WAS MAJOR ISSUE FOR LDC'S AND WOULD HAVE
TO BE SERIOUSLY ADDRESSED BY GROUP B IN NAIROBI.

10. LEAST-DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED AND ISLAND LDC'S: GROUP
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B SPOKESMAN WEGENER (FRG) LED DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM.
IT WAS AGREED THAT SOME OVERLAP WITH OTHER NAIROBI
AGENDA ITEMS INEVITABLE, AND THAT GROUP B SHOULD ENSURE
COORDINATION BETWEEN NEGOTIATING GROUP 4 AND OTHER
NEGOTIATING GROUPS. SECOND PROBLEM CITED BY WEGENER WAS
HOW TO RESPOND TO G-77 REQUEST THAT ISLAND AND
LAND-LOCKED LDC'S RECEIVE SAME BENEFITS AS LLDC'S. ON
THIS PROBLEM, DELEGATES REPEATED POSITIONS THAT GROUP B
SHOULD STAND FIRM AGAINST EXTENDING LLDC BENEFITS TO
OTHER LDC'S NOT IN SAME ECONOMIC STRAIGHTS. SECRETARIAT
NOTED COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING HAD NOT MADE
PROGRESS IN FURTHER REFINING CLASSIFICATION OF LDC'S.
DAC CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS GAVE INTERESTING PRESENTATION
RECOMMENDING GROUP B CONSIDER FURTHER MEASURES FOR LLDC'S
IN AREAS OF ODA TERMS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INCREASE
ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY, AND DEBT RELIEF. HE ALSO COUNSELED
REGIONAL APPROACHES TO SECTORAL PROBLEMS SINCE MOST
LLDC'S, ESPECIALLY IN AFRICA, ARE NEIGHBORS EXPERIENCING
SIMILAR PROBLEMS. IN THIS RESPECT, WILLIAMS BRIEFED
GROUP ON RECENTLY-CREATED CLUB DES AMIS DU SAHEL IN
WHICH HE HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREE-
MENT THAT REGIONAL APPROACHES ARE PREFERABLE TO GLOBAL
APPROACH. WEGENER CONCLUDED DISCUSSION BY POINTING OUT
LONG LIST OF PROBLEMATIC REFERENCES IN G-77 PROPOSED
RESOLUTION ON THIS ITEM.

11. COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S: WEGENER, VIRTUALLY ONLY

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SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM, POINTED OUT THAT MAIN ISSUE IS STATUS OF RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT PASSED BY G-77 AT MANILA. AT MARCH TDB MEETING, G-77 INITIALLY CLAIMED RESOLUTION APPLIED ONLY TO THEM AND RESISTED RIGHT OF GROUP B TO COMMENT ON PARTS OF IT WHICH GROUP B OPPOSES (E.G., CALL FOR PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS), BUT BY END OF MEETING THEY WERE IN FACT DISCUSSING IT WITH GROUP B. TWO OTHER ISSUES ARE: (A) CERTAIN G-77 REQUESTS FOR DC SUPPORT WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE (E.G., INTEREST SUBSIDIZATION FOR OPEC LOANS TO LDC'S); AND (B) UNCTAD INSTITUTIONAL FOLLOW-UP FROM WHICH GROUP B MUST INSIST THAT IT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. WEGENER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MANILA DOCUMENT ON THIS ITEM IS MIXTURE OF RADICAL AND PRAGMATIC PHILOSOPHIES.

12. TRADE RELATIONS AMONG COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT
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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS: GROUP B SPOKESMAN WEGENER RECOMMENDED, AND OTHERS AGREED, THAT GROUP B CONTINUE ITS PASSIVE TACTICS IN DISCUSSIONS OF ISSUES G-77 HAS PUT DIRECTLY BEFORE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. NO CHANGES IN GROUP B POSITIONS ON ISSUES UNDER THIS AGENDA ARE CONTEMPLATED.

13. INSTITUTIONS: U.S. (ALLEN) INTRODUCED SUBJECT BY RECALLING THAT GROUP B AT TDB EMPHASIZED THAT INSTITUTIONAL RESTRUCTURING MUST FOLLOW SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS, NOT VICE-VERSA. SEC-GEN COREA IS DELAYING PRESENTATION OF HIS RESTRUCTURING IDEAS EITHER FOR TACTICAL REASONS OR MORE LIKELY BECAUSE HE IS GENUINELY PERPLEXED. ALLEN NOTED G-77 ALSO SOMEWHAT PERPLEXED, AND THEIR GENEVA DRAFTING GROUP HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GO BEYOND MANILA DECLARATION. MOREOVER, THERE IS A DIVISION WITHIN THE G-77 BETWEEN NEW YORK-BASED REPRESENTATIVES (WHO FAVOR A STRONG ECOSOC), AND GENEVA REPS (WHO FAVOR UNCTAD). IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT MANILA CALLS FOR UNCTAD TO BECOME NEGOTIATING FORUM. WE CAN PROBABLY ALL AGREE THAT UNCTAD SHOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT. UNCTAD SEC-GEN ALREADY HAS BROAD ENOUGH AUTHORITY TO IMPROVE

ADMINISTRATION OF SECRETARIAT AND STREAMLINE OPERATIONS (E.G., SMALLER AGENDA, BETTER ORDERING OF PRIORITIES OF WORK). AUSTRALIAN REP SAID HE FOUND COREA GENUINELY PERPLEXED ABOUT WHERE TO MOVE, AND THOUGHT HE WOULD WELCOME GROUP B IDEAS. HE ARGUED THAT COREA'S HESITATION GIVES GROUP B INVALUABLE CHANCE TO PUSH ITS IDEAS, AND PROPOSED THAT GROUP B DEVELOP SOME SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AND PRESENT THEM TO COREA PRIVATELY EARLY IN NAIROBI. ONE POSSIBILITY IS TO UNTIE SECRETARIAT STRUCTURE FROM UNCTAD COMMITTEES SO AS TO AVOID PROLIFERATION OF COMMITTEES AND BUILD-UP OF INDIVIDUAL FIEFDOMS IN SECRETARIAT. ALTHOUGH SOME DELEGATIONS (GERMAN, JAPANESE) EXPRESSED HESITATIONS ABOUT GROUP B TAKING INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES, MOST AGREED THAT SUCH PROPOSALS WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN AVOIDING MORE RADICAL IDEAS. GENEVA REPS AGREED TO MEET IN GENEVA FOR FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE GROUP B INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA. THERE WAS GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT GROUP B DOES NOT WANT TO PROPOSE ANYTHING THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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MIGHT DAMAGE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, E.G., GATT, IMF. NORWAY AND NETHERLANDS SAID THAT FIDDLING WITH STRUCTURE WOULD NOT COMPLETELY SATISFY LDC'S, AND SO WE MUST THINK OF SOME SUBSTANTIVE FUNCTIONS (E.Q., COMMODITIES) TO GIVE UNCTAD.

14. ORGANIZATION: AFTER PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS THROUGHOUT MEETING, ORGANIZATIONAL DECISIONS WERE MADE APRIL 15. THESE RESULTED IN FOLLOWING LINE-UP FOR CONFERENCE:

A. PLENARY - CHAIRMAN WILL BE FROM G-77. RAPPOREUR WILL BE FROM GROUP D. THERE WILL BE 33 VICE PRESIDENTS (LARGELY HONORARY POSTS), OF WHICH 9 WILL COME FROM GROUP B (JAPAN, AUSTRIA, SPAIN, BELGIUM, FINLAND, GREECE, CANADA, U.S., NETHERLANDS).
B. GENERAL COMMITTEE - IT WAS QUICKLY AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE MOST IMPORTANT BODY AT UNCTAD IV. GROUP B WILL TRY TO GET CHAIRMANSHIP, ALTHOUGH G-77 WILL PROBABLY FORCE THEIR OWN MAN THROUGH (PROBABLY BRILLANTES OF PHILIPPINES). GROUP B WILL AT MINIMUM INSIST ON HAVING THE RAPPOREURSHIP. THE GROUP B CANDIDATE FOR EITHER JOB IS TEESE OF AUSTRALIA. GROUP D WILL BE LEFT AS VICE-CHAIRMAN.

C. NEGOTIATING GROUP (NG) I - COMMODITIES - THE G-77 WILL INSIST ON CHAIRING THIS, AND WE WILL INSIST ON BEING RAPPOREUR (BARRASS OF U.K.). VICE-CHAIRMAN WILL PROBABLY ALSO BE G-77.

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D. NG II - TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY - G-77 HAS ALREADY AGREED THAT GROUP B (KUEHN OF FRG) WILL CHAIR. RAPPORTEUR AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FROM G-77.

E. NG III - MONEY AND FINANCE - GROUP B WILL CHAIR. MONTGOMERY OF CANADA WAS NAMED AS GROUP B CANDIDATE, BUT IT IS NOT CERTAIN GOC WILL ACCEPT OR, IF IT DOES ACCEPT, THAT IT WILL NOT APPOINT ANOTHER NATIONAL TO CHAIR. IF GOC DECLINES, VILAR OF SPAIN WILL CHAIR. G-77 FOR BOTH VICE-CHAIRMAN AND RAPPORTEUR.

F. NG IV - LEAST-DEVELOPED AND LDC COOPERATION - G-77 WILL BE CHAIR AND RAPPORTEUR. GROUP B (TURKEY) WILL BE VICE-CHAIRMAN.

G. EAST/SOUTH TRADE, AND INSTITUTIONS - GROUP D WILL FIGHT HARD TO CHAIR THIS. G-77 WILL BE RAPPORTEUR AND GROUP B (JAPAN) WILL BE VICE-CHAIRMAN.

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15. GROUP B COORDINATORS - PUTMAN (BELGIUM) WAS RE-ELECTED AS OVERALL COORDINATOR/SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP B AT NAIROBI, ON UNDERSTANDING HE WOULD BE ASSISTED AND ACCOMPANIED TO NEGOTIATIONS BY SEVERAL KEY DELEGATES; IN ACCEPTING POST, HE AGREED TO THIS APPROACH. COORDINATOR FOR COMMODITIES (NG I) WILL REMAIN CUTTAT (SWITZERLAND). SINCE MONTGOMERY ASKED TO BE RELIEVED OF HIS TRADE COORDINATORSHIP, BRUNGART (U.S.) WILL

REPLACE HIM ON THE TWO TRADE AGENDA ITEMS IN NG II.
TANIGUCHI (JAPAN) WILL REMAIN COORDINATOR ON TECHNOLOGY
IN NG II, BUT HE ALSO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER
DELEGATES IN NEGOTIATING SESSIONS. BLANC (FRANCE)
REMAINS COORDINATOR FOR NG III (MONEY AND FINANCE),
AND WEGENER (FRG) FOR NG IV (LEAST-DEVELOPED AND LDC
COOPERATION). IN NG V, MAUTNER-MARKHOFF (AUSTRIA) WILL
HANDLE EAST/SOUTH TRADE, AND ALLEN (U.S.) WILL HANDLE
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